(BIFR) with a view to timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies. According to the information received, Konark Jute Ltd. is also before the BIFR.

Providing loans to Handloom Weavers

†2568. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to provide loans to handloom weavers;

(b) the amount of loan provided to the weavers during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether weavers have to face problems in getting loans from Banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Credit is a requirement, apart from central/state assistance, in respect of the Project Package Scheme (PPS), Work shed-cum-Housing Scheme and Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana (DDPHY) of the handloom sector. The PPS is not in vogue while the other two schemes are in operation. In order to enable the beneficiaries to meet this requirement, credit limits are sanctioned by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) through State Cooperative Banks (SCBs), District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs) and Commercial Banks to Weavers' Cooperative Societies and State Handloom Development Corporations, at concessional rates of interest for production, procurement and marketing activities as well as purchase and sale of yarn. In addition, the National

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Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation, National Minorities Finance and Development Corporation, National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation also provide working capital loans to the weavers of identified communities.

(b) Statements showing the State-wise refinance facilities provided by NABARD to SCBs for financing Weavers Cooperative Societies, commercial banks for financing the working capital requirements of the Weavers Cooperative Societies and State Handloom Development Corporations; and loans provided under PPS by the Central Government for the last 3 years are given in the Statement I to III respectively. (*See* below).

(c) There is no reported difficulty in getting loans from the Banks in cases of proposals which are in conformity with the prescribed requirements.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Statement I

STATE-WISE REFINANCE FACILITY PROVIDED BY NABARD TO SCBs FOR FINANCING WEAVERS COOPERATIVES SOCIETIES FOR PRODUCTION PROCUREMENT AND MARKETING ACTIVITIES AND PURCHASE AND SALE OF YARN

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Satate	Limits Sanctioned					
		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
		Production, Procurement and Marketing activities	Purchase and sale of yarn	Production, Procure-ment and Marketing activities	Purchase and sale of yarn	Production, Procure-ment and Marketing activities	Purchase and sale of yarn
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	76.40	1.55	78.53	1.55	35.28	0.00
2.	Gujarat	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.	Karnataka	3.89	0.00	3.09	0.00	1.76	0.00
5.	Kerala	57.84	1.04	47.52	0.92	53.68	0.85
6.	Madhya Pradesh	9.03	0.00	10.81	0.43	10.90	0.40

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
8.	Orissa	78.33	2.00	63.28	2.00	21.78	0.00
9.	Tamil Nadu	455.53	5.00	507.34	10.00	491.39	10.00
10.	West Bengal	69.22	6.23	70.24	7.00	65.65	7.79
11.	Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	4.35	0.00	4.84	0.00
	Total	**752.84**	**15.82**	**786.52**	**21.90**	**686.20**	**19.84**

Statement II

Refinance facility provided by NABARD to Commercial Banks for fin...ıcing Production Procurement and Marketing Activities of Primary Handloom Weavers Cooperative Societies (PHWCSs) and State Handloom Development Corporations (SHDCs)

(Rs. in crores)

		LIMITS SANCTIONED					
		1998-99		1999-2000		2000-01	
Sl. No.	Name of State	PHWCSs	SHDCs	PHWCSs	SHDCs	PHWCSs	SHDCs
1.	Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.97	0.00	4.49
2.	Uttar Pradesh	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total:	**0.19**	**0.00**	**0.00**	**3.97**	**0.00**	**4.49**

Statement III

State-wise Loan released under Project Package Scheme

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1.	Andhra Pradesh	93.98	50.00	249.11
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	7.65	16.34
3.	Assam	-	208.57	256.57
4.	Bihar	-	2.25	3.25
5.	Gujarat	0.19	3.95	7.35
6.	Haryana	1.08	-	-
7.	Himachal Pradesh	11.83	5.90	5.75
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	30.93	20.50	14.75
9.	Karnataka	1.25	16.45	8.35

1	2	3	4	5
10.	Kerala	163.33	13.65	113.21
11.	Madhya Pradesh	8.71	2.65	5.87
12.	Maharashtra	-	1.88	46.71
13.	Manipur	-	24.90	119.40
14.	Nagaland	143.93	42.59	73.66
15.	Orissa	4.75	18.66	1.37
16.	Punjab	-	2.20	3.40
17.	Rajasthan	-	92.99	-
18.	Tamil Nadu	51.08	17.90	21.81
19.	Tripura	1.85	5.25	4.54
20.	Uttar Pradesh	74.91	52.85	194.45
21.	West Bengal	11.31	7.35	54.11
	Total	599.31	598.14	1200.00

Importing clothes on the basis of Export Quota by the US

† 2569. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today the US is importing clothes on the basis of export quota fixed for the countries;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the quota system has been causing a lot of hindrances in liberalisation policy of industry; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and whether Government have urged upon the US to do away with quota-system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) to (c) Textile imports in USA are governed by bilateral textile agreements entered into between India and other countries under the aegis of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA) which has since 1.1.1995, become part of the Agreement on Textiles & Clothing (ATC) contained in the Final Act of the Uruguay Round negotiations of the GATT. Quotas by themselves are trade restrictive.

As per ATC, the textile quotas would be phased out by 1st January 2005.

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